

For donors

Funding

Can we direct where our donations are used?

Donors choose which categories they would like to support, deciding between nine orthopaedic subspecialties and developing programs. Your company's funding is strictly dispersed per your wishes and never moved to another category. While your corporate focus will probably be the primary driver, ancillary categories may also help to maximize program and fellow awareness of your company. The OMeGA database shows that fellows frequently seek training in a different subspecialty after they complete their first fellowship. In the past four years, an average of 8% of supported fellows have sought training in a different subspecialty after they complete their first fellowship.

We provide funding directly to specific institutions. Why should we consider donating to OMeGA?

Your company can likely fund only some of the many programs that request support. Donating to OMeGA can supplement your direct funding, generate additional goodwill to multiple orthopaedic programs, and provide needed GME support.

Do new programs receive grants?

OMeGA introduced a new category to provide grants to developing programs that may not have the history of achievements to compete for grants against more established programs. Since our first developing program grant in 2014, 13.6% of applicants have self-selected this category.

Is funding needed in all subspecialties?

While funding is important in all orthopaedic subspecialties, Oncology, Sports Medicine and Trauma are the categories that are particularly underfunded. The total amount of received funding as a percentage of total amount requested ranges from 5.9 to 23.3% across all categories for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Is there truly a need for orthopaedic graduate medical education funding?

OMeGA awarded 134 partial fellowship grants for the 2018-2019 academic year. Yet there were many more meritorious applications that were unfunded. Only 16.8% of grant funds requested were awarded.

Benefits and recognition

What kind of recognition can my company expect?

Donors receive letters of appreciation from grant recipient programs in their supported subspecialties. Donors are highlighted on OMeGA electronic and printed communications, many of which are distributed at our partner society meetings. Subspecialty partners offer thanks to OMeGA donors with ads, slides and meter boards at their annual meetings and on their websites. Donors are featured on grant recipient certificates that are displayed in prominent program common areas.

We have specific subspecialty questions. Can OMeGA provide answers?

The OMeGA database is becoming quite robust and we are committed to using our growing database to help advance the orthopaedic profession. OMeGA is happy to share aggregate trends and data with donors.

We are a new, small company. How can we afford to support orthopaedic GME through OMeGA?

For companies with current annual sales of less than \$100K, OMeGA created the Emerging Growth Company (EGC) category. A \$25,000 EGC donation offers the same recognition as the benefits earned by larger donors.

Payments reporting

What does OMeGA provide for our Open Payments reporting requirements?

OMeGA will report the institution name, the company's portion of the total amount of each grant payment, dates of the payments, tax identification number of grant recipient institutions, number of grant recipient institutions, and the program director's name. OMeGA believes this information will allow companies to comply with the Open Payments requirements yet preserve third party GME grants administration boundaries.

23 associations and subspecialty societies join forces with OMeGA to support orthopaedic GME

These collaborations underscore the orthopaedic community's commitment to nonconflicted, merit-based residency and fellowship funding.

Signers for the 5th joint letter to industry

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Association for Hand Surgery
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
American Orthopaedic Association
American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine
American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons
American Society for Surgery of the Hand
American Spinal Injury Association
Cervical Spine Research Society
The Hip Society
J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society
The Knee Society
Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society
Lumbar Spine Research Society
Musculoskeletal Infection Society
Musculoskeletal Tumor Society
North American Spine Society
Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation
Orthopaedic Research Society
Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America
Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society
Scoliosis Research Society
Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons

“OMeGA's funding is pivotal to our fellowship program. Non-conflicted support removes any bias and allows the fellow and program to focus their time and efforts strictly on education.”

OMeGA Medical Grants Association is an independent 501(c)(3) organization.

OMeGA welcomes your feedback and looks forward to working with your company to continue our mutual efforts to support and sustain quality orthopaedic education.

Go to omegamedicalgrants.org for more information.

